# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HOME AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5290
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ATTACK ON CHRISTIANS
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item regarding Christians living under continuous threat in the country appearing in the `Dainik Jagran` dated May 6, 2001;

(b) if so, whether the Government have conducted any enquiry in this regard;

(c) the number of attacks made on the Christians in the country during each of the last three years, till date, alongwith loss of life and property damaged therein;

(d) the details of elements/organisations responsible for these incidents and the action taken against them so far;

(e) whether the Government propose to take some steps to ensure that Christian community are safe and they lead a peaceful life in the country; and

(f) if so, the details in this regard?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS ( I.D. DWAMI)

(a): Yes Sir.

(b): No Sir,

(c) (d) (e) & (f): A statement showing number of attacks/ incidents on Christians during the last 3 years is placed at Appendix-I. The details of property damaged in such attacks are not maintained by the Central Government.

`Deendar Anjuman` which is a communal organization and was responsible for bomb explosions in Churches in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, and Goa, during the year 2000, has been declared unlawful association under Section 3(1) of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 w.e.f. 28th April, 2001.

`Public Order` and `Police` appear at Entry No.1 and 2 of List-II - State List of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India Hence, it is the primary responsibility of the State Governments to maintain public order and peace, including registration, investigation of crime and compiling of data relating to communal incidents.

The Government of India shares intelligence and sends advisories/alert messages to the States/UTs from time to time and Central Para-military Forces are made available to them on specific request. A special force called the Rapid Action Force is deployed to deal exclusively with the communal tensions. Assistance is also being provided to State Governments for modernization of their policing infrastructure. In addition, detailed guidelines have been issued in October, 1997 for the promotion of communal harmony.

The Government is clear that acts of violence against the minority communities, whenever and in whatever form they occur, must be dealt with sternly and exemplary punishment awarded to the perpetrators.

Appendix `A`

INCIDENTS INVOLVING CHRISTIANS DURING 1999,2000 AND 2001 (UPTO JULY 31)

| Incidents | Persons Killed | Persons Injured |
|---|---|---|

| State | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A & N Islands | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - |
| Andhra Pradesh | 2 | 14 | 3 | 1 | 2 | - | - | 23 | - |
| Arunachal Prad | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Assam | 2 | 2 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Bihar | 4 | 11 | 1 | 4 | 2 | - | - | 6 | - |
| D & Haveli | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Delhi | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Goa | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Gujarat | 31 | 26 | 8 | - | - | - | 10 | 21 | 2 |
| Haryana | 3 | 5 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 2 | - |
| Himachal Prad | - | 2 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Jammu & Kashmir | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Jharkahand | - | - | 3 | - | - | 1 | - | - | 3 |
| Karnataka | 1 | 16 | 2 | - | 1 | 2 | - | 10 | - |
| Kerala | 18 | 25 | 12 | - | - | - | 10 | 7 | 25 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 9 | 13 | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | - |
| Maharashtra | 7 | 6 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Manipur | - | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | 3 | - | - | - |
| Mizoram | - | 3 | - | - | 1 | - | - | 3 | - |
| Orissa | 14 | 20 | 16 | 4 | 2 | - | 43 | 26 | 9 |
| Pondicherry | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Punjab | 1 | 9 | 3 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| Rajasthan | 3 | 3 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| Sikkim | - | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Tamil Nadu | 14 | 27 | 21 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 25 | 24 | 16 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 6 | 24 | 7 | - | 2 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 3 |
| West Bengal | 2 | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total | 120 | 216 | 81 | 12 | 13 | 8 | 91 | 132 | 60 |